

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S959–S1073

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 399–433, and S. Res. 63–66. **Pages S1011–12**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013. **Page S1011**

Measures Considered:

American Family Economic Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes. **Pages S970–91**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 27), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

Sequester Replacement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement. **Pages S990–91**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 26), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S991**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S991**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by

Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 113th Congress: Senator Wicker. **Page S1071**

Committee Expenditure Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013; that the only amendment in order to the resolution be a Paul amendment striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group; that there be up to 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form on the Paul amendment; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Paul amendment; and that upon disposition of the Paul amendment, Senate vote on adoption of the resolution, as amended, if amended. **Page S1071**

Chen and Failla Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 4, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on the confirmation of the nominations, in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1071**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—27) Page S991

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1071.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Readiness and Force Management, and Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing the Federal Housing Administration's financial condition and program challenges, after receiving testimony from Gary Thomas, National Association of Realtors, Mission Viejo, California; Peter H. Bell, National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, Sarah Rosen Wartell, Urban Institute, and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, all of Washington, DC; Phillip L. Swagel, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Chevy Chase; and Teresa Bryce Bazemore, Radian Guaranty, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine delivery system reform, focusing on a progress report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), after receiving testimony from Jonathan Blum, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Nelson Stephen Roman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation from Military Officer Association of America, Retired Enlisted Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warrior Project, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and American Ex-Prisoners of War, after receiving testimony from Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Master Sergeant Richard J. Delaney, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, and H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, all of Alexandria, Virginia; Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Dawn Halfaker, Wounded Warrior Project, and Sam Huhn, Blinded Veterans Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce G. McKenty, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Lakewood, Washington; and Charles Susino, Jr., American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 879–932; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 89–94 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: The House passed S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a recorded vote of 286 ayes to 138 noes, Roll No. 55.

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Rejected:

McMorris Rodgers amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 113–10) consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–2 (by a yea-and-nay vote of 166 yeas to 257 nays, Roll No. 54).

Pages H753–H800

The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, February 27th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 4th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise: Ms. Heather Wilson of Albuquerque, NM.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Petri, Crenshaw, Latta, Aderholt, and Whitfield.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Smith (NJ), Co-Chairman.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H801.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H799–H800, H800–01. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSURING VIABILITY OF THE SUSTAINMENT INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on assuring viability of the sustainment industrial base. Testimony was heard from John Johns, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Maintenance Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR SECURITY: ACTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Nuclear Security: Actions, Accountability and Reform. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General Sandra E. Finan, USAF, Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Former Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, National Nuclear Security Administration; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Neile L. Miller, Acting Administrator and Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

IMPACTS OF A CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND SEQUESTRATION ON ACQUISITION, PROGRAMMING, AND THE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on impacts of a continuing resolution and sequestration on acquisition, programming, and the industrial base. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General James O. Barclay III, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Charles R. Davis, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Michael R. Moeller, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, U.S. Air Force; Vice Admiral Allen G. Myers, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), U.S. Navy; Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army

for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, U.S. Department of the Army; Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General John E. Wissler, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, U.S. Marine Corps.

HOW ARE SCHOOLS MEASURING TEACHER PERFORMANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Raising the Bar: How are Schools Measuring Teacher Performance?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION: POLICY AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a joint hearing entitled “The Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Policy and Governance Challenges”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Allison Macfarlane, Chairman; George Apostolakis, Commissioner; William Magwood, Commissioner; William Ostendorff, Commissioner; Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Overview of U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Mark Feierstein, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S REGULATORY WAR ON JOBS, THE ECONOMY, AND AMERICA’S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Obama Administration’s Regulatory War on Jobs, the Economy, and America’s Global Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Rob James, Avon Lake City Council; and public witnesses.

TOP CHALLENGES FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES: REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTORS GENERAL—PART 1

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Top Challenges For Science Agencies: Reports from the Inspectors General—Part 1”. Testimony was heard from Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Office of Inspector General; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation, Office of Inspector General; Dave Smith, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General.

SMALL BUSINESS TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Small Business Trade Agenda: Opportunities in the 113th Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS; AND GSA CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a meeting on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee; a hearing on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; House Concurrent Resolution 18, the National Peace Officers’ Memorial; and House Concurrent Resolution 19, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. The Concurrent Resolutions and the General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were ordered reported, without amendment. The Budget Views and Estimates were approved by the Committee.

PROPOSED WAIVER OF WORK REQUIREMENTS IN THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “The Proposed Waiver of Work Requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program”. Testimony was heard from Senator Orrin Hatch; Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

STATE OF THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States economy, focusing on economic growth and job creation, and what Congress can do to boost them, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Boskin, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Austan Goolsbee, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with votes on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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